

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Such a suggestion has not come to our notice. However, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities already provides that wherever possible, Ministries/Departments concerned will earmark 15 per cent of the physical targets and financial outlays for minorities.

Conditions of minorities

475. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent to which the condition of minorities has been ameliorated and what more is required to be done?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): Government is committed to ensuring the welfare of the minorities. The Prime Minister's new 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities is a major step in this direction.

Development of non-conventional energy

476. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASMA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government helps various States to develop non-conventional energy by disbursing funds through the State Renewable Energy Development Agencies;

(b) what is the operational and functional relationship between IREDA and the State Government agencies;

(c) the quantum of funds disbursed to different States in 2005-06; and

(d) the manner in which Government monitors these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government provides central financial assistance for deployment of various

non-conventional energy systems/devices in the country through State Government departments, State nodal agencies and some NGOs as well.

(b) IREDA, under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, is a Public Financial Institution under Section 4 'A' of the Companies Act, 1956 and registered as a non-Banking Financial Company with the Reserve Bank of India. Its business operations are limited to providing term-loans for renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation projects.

(c) State-wise details of funds released under various renewable energy schemes/programmes during 2005-06 are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(d) State Government departments/State nodal agencies are required to periodically submit progress reports, utilization certificates and audited statements of expenditure in support of utilization of funds released to them. This apart, Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) audits accounts of concerned State Government departments.

Statement

State-wise details of funds released under various renewable energy schemes/programmes during 2005-06

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl.No.	State/UTs	Funds released during 2005-06
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	12.193
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5.426
3	Assam	2.023
4	Bihar	0.411
5	Chhattisgarh	5.504
6	Goa	0.210
7	Gujarat	3.497
8	Haryana	1.479
9	Himachal Pradesh	2.565

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1	2	3
10	Jammu and Kashmir	10.132
11	Jharkhand	12.649
12	Karnataka	4.046
13	Kerala	1.371
14	Madhya Pradesh	5.784
15	Maharashtra	10.208
16	Manipur	3.993
17	Meghalaya	3.168
18	Mizoram	14.345
19	Nagaland	1.568
20	Orissa	3.314
21	Punjab	1.654
22	Rajasthan	5.233
23	Sikkim	3.066
24	Tamil Nadu	3.370
25	Tripura	0.241
26	Uttar Pradesh	4.265
27	Uttaranchal	10.578
28	West Bengal	17.010
29	Andaman and Nicobar	0.000
30	Chandigarh	0.447
31	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0.000
32	Daman and Diu	0.000
33	Delhi	0.018
34	Lakshadweep	0.000
35	Pondicherry	0.632
36	Others	35.303
TOTAL:		185.701